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SUBJECT: ECE - 32ND SESSION: MALTESE DRAFT DECISION ON
ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

REF: (A) STATE 95560, (B) STATE 93357, (C) GENEVA 3080

1. EC-9 HAS ACCEPTED DRAFT PARA 7 PROPOSED REFTL WITH
SLIGHT AMENDMENT SO THAT PARA WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
"AGREES THAT, IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
DECISION, AND IN THE EXERCISE OF THE COMMISSION'S PREROGATIVES
UNDER PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, ALL MEDITERRANEAN
STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE ECE SHALL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
ON AN EQUAL BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT PARAGRAPH OF THE
TERMS OF REFERENCE."

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2. PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS AR (1) TO SUBSTITUTE FOR "RULES
OF PROCEDURE" TERM "TERMS OF REFERENCE" WHICH IS CORRECT
LEGAL NAME FOR THAT SECTION OF DOCUMENT, FULL TITLE OF WHICH
IS "TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE," AND (2) TO MAKE
CLEAR THAT NON-MEMBER STATES MAY PARTICIPATE IN ECE ACTIV-
IVITIES ON CONSULTATIVE BASIS ONLY, AS PROVIDED IN PARA 11 OF
TERMS OF REFERENCE, WITH NO IMPLICATION THAT THEY MIGHT PAR-

TICIPATE ON SAME BASIS AS MEMBERS.

3. MALTESE CONTINUE TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH PARA
4 LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT (REF B) ON BASIS THAT IT AP-
PEARS TO PLACE ISRAEL ON SAME BASIS AS REGIONAL
ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS (AS NOTED REF C BUT NOT ADDRESSED BY
DEPT IN REF B). USDEL HAS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO MALTESE
DEL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD READ: "AS WELL
AS WITH ALL NON-ECE MEMBER STATES BORDERING ON THE MEDITER-
RANEAN," AS SUGGESTED TO US BY BY YUGOSLAVS. MALTESE DEL HAS STATED
THAT HE WILL CON-
SULT AND ADVISE USDEL OF LANGUAGE ACCEPTABLE BY 1430
HOURS GENEVA TIME.

4. USDEL BELIEVES THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS DO NOT IN ANY
WAY IMPAIR PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED BY DEPART-
MENT. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY TELEPHONE BY 1700
HOURS GENEVA TIME, USDEL WILL INFORM WESTERN CAUCUS THAT
IT CAN ACCEPT MALTESE DRAFT WITH AMENDMENTS MENTIONED
ABOVE AS WELL AS OTHERS PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT.

5. USDEL WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT RIGHT OF ALL UN
MEMBER STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN ECE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST
TO THEM UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF TERMS OF REFERENCE HAS NEVER
BEEN QUESTIONED. ISRAELIS HAVE IN FACT PARTICIPATED
FREELY AND ACTIVELY IN ECE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO
THEM. WHEN SOVIETS BARRED ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN
BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE STUDY TOUR IN USSR
IN SEPTEMBER 1976, STUDY TOUR WAS CANCELLED AS ECE
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ACTIVITY BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND WESTERN PARTICI-
PANTS WITHDREW. EVEN THEN, SOVIETS GAVE
SPACE PROBLEM AS EXCUSE AND DID NOT QUESTION RIGHT
OF ISRAELIS TO PARTICIPATE ON OTHER GROUNDS.

6. USDEL NOTES ALSO THAT ECE OPERATES FULLY ON BASIS
OF CONSENSUS. IF US IS NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT DRAFT DECISION
MEDITERRANEAN, THEN IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN
THAT NO SUCH DECISION WILL BE ADOPTED AT 32ND SESSION.
AT 31ST SESSION, MALTESE DELEGATION BLOCKED ADOPTION OF
ALL OTHER RESOLUTIONS UNTIL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON
MEDITERRANEAN DECISION. MALTESE DEL ANNOUNCED TO
WESTERN CAUCUS THIS MORNING THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD
FOLLOW SAME COURSE AT THIS SESSION. US CONSEQUENTLY
WOULD BEAR ONUS FOR BLOCKING ALL RPT ALL RESOLUTIONS AT
ECE 32ND SESSION OWING TO USDEL'S LACK OF FLEXIBILITY
TO AGREE TO LANGUAGE IN MEDITERRANEAN DRAFT WHICH IS
ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS AND DOES NOT IMPAIR
THE PURPOSES OF US OVERALL POLICY. SORENSON

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